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**DESTRUCTION OF  
WELLAND CANAL**

Three Thousand Present at Thrilling Entertainment Given Last Night by 63rd and 66th Battalions—Night Attack One of Most Spectacular

**Hamburg - American Lin  
Employee and Associate  
Are Arrested**

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**WERE AT NIAGARA RIVE**

### Dominion Secret Service Official Claim Ignorance of Story.

(By Morning Bulletin Leased Wire)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Paul Koenig, formerly head of the secret service of the Hamburg-American line and Richard Emil Lindecker, were arrested tonight by agents of the de-

Koenig was arrested at 45 Broadway, in the offices of the Hamburg American line. Before the war he was in charge of the steamship company's bureau of investigation, but since then, it is charged, he has been the head of the German secret service.

Lindecker was taken into custody at his office at 345 Fifth avenue, where he has been selling antiques. The agents of the department of justice declare they found in his office maps and drawings of the Weland canal. Both men are said to have admitted that they had been

The specific charge preferred against Koenig and Lindecker is violation of section 13 of the United States penal code, which prohibits the planning within the boundaries of the United States of a military or

Lindecker claims to be an American citizen, and has admitted, it is said that he has been employed by Koonig. Koenig took out his first citizenship papers in this country ten years ago, but never applied for his second. The government agents assert that Koenig has been known by many names.

**Ottawa Has Not Heard.**  
OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Officials of the dominion secret service have not been advised of the arrests of Koenig and Lindecker, and profess they know nothing of a conspiracy to blow up the Welland canal. Lieut.-Col. Sherwood, chief of the dominion police, stated tonight he had absolutely no information as to the arrests.

**BAYONET PRACTICE**  
**BEING ENCOURAGED**

### Militia Department Purchases Ten Thousand Rifles for Men in Training

The present war has brought a revival of the old-time methods of snatching an enemy with a bayonet instead of a bullet. It is one method of attack which the Huns are especially afraid.

The department has purchased ten thousand dummy rifles to be distributed among the men in training. The

rifles are in appearance like the service arm, but they are made of wood while the bayonet is adjusted with a spring. When a man is supposed stabbed, the bayonet backs up so as not to inflict any injury.

**CATHOLIC CLERGY  
IN WEST ADVANCED**

**Mgr. Mathieu of Regina Becomes  
Archbishop of Newly Erected  
Metropolitan See**

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Cabled confirmation from Rome was received to

day by Mr. Stagni, apostolic delegate at Ottawa, of the important archiepiscopal appointments in the west forecasted some time ago.

Mr. Mathies becomes archbishop of the newly-erected Metropolitan see of Regina; Mr. Sinnott, secretary to the apostolic delegate, becomes archbishop of the newly-erected archdiocese of Winnipeg. Mr. Beliveau

The archdiocese of Winnipeg has been made immediately subject to the holy see. The diocese of Prince Albert becomes suffragan of Regina, and the vicariate apostolic of Keewatin becomes suffragan of St. Boniface.

**RAILWAYS ASKING  
EXTENSIONS OF TIME**

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Al-  
though primarily a war sen-  
sition there will be considerable  
railway legislation to deal

Ronald," Injured and Had to Be Shot—66th Win Majority of Events

Grounds, and who for three and one-half hours were treated to a varied programme of military sports and competitions between the 66th and 53rd Overseas Battalions, a program that dipped into the spectacular on two occasions, when each battalion

With the exception of the lemon cutting competition and the wrestling contest, the events were all won by Colonel McKinery's men, who captured some of the contests with ease and others by a shade. The tug-of-war aroused the keenest kind of interest.

Two battalions with their families and friends. An unfortunate accident of the evening, the only mishap on the program, occurred during the tent-pegging contest, when the noted charger of Colonel McKinney, "Hot Ronald," ridden by Captain E. H. Harris, turned out on the parade ground and trampled a member of the crowd, a young man, and his property. The handsome animal, which

The first team of the 66th went to the course in the first time of 25 seconds, the second team of the 63rd regiment in 1 minute 10 seconds.

In a pig-a-back wrestling, the 66th and 63rd regiments were the winners. The men won handily, and in the boxing contest the Private Goldie, of the 66th, was the victor. He defeated the 63rd's Halmer, and the 66th's substitution

**Discuss Problem of Caring**  
**For the Returning Soldiers**

The general committee of the Returned Soldiers' Bureau held a meeting yesterday in the council chamber of the city hall and discussed the various aspects of the problem as it concerned the local organizations. The committee reported progress in their part of the work. The duties and responsibilities of the domin-

Mr. Stutshury reported that there were 100 returned soldiers in the city of work in Calgary. He further explained that in case a wounded soldier had a relapse and it is neces-

location for a convalescent home for soldiers in Edmonton, it might be possible to secure the All Saints hospital, the oldest in C.A., on the south side. The Dawson residence near the Dowler hill, or one of the unused buildings of the University of Alberta. For the present the Ogden home in Calgary had sufficient room for the first 20 patients. The hospital would be a three-story building with 100 beds, and a large hall for the patients to sit in.



## Will Discuss Questions of Vital Moment to

**This Conference Will Take  
Place of Proposed  
Convention.**

gathering will consist of laymen, senators and members of parliament and members of the Provincial legislatures. Had the war not occurred there would have been held in Ottawa a general convention of the Liberal party. An announcement issued tonight regarding the conference says:

for a study of the problems which will confront Canada at the close of the war. One of the great problems will be the devising of plans to provide vocations for the 200,000 returned Canadian soldiers, so they may early return to civil life and find places in the productive industries of the country. It is presumed that technical education may have to be resorted to

been carried on to such an extent in the west that the immigrants came hereafter to be secured by the offer of free land. Some other plan will have to be devised to take the place of this which was so successful in the past.

"It is stated that the gathering will be a step in the direction of more thoroughly preparing the Liberator to take care of the affairs of

**Special Committee of City Council  
Will Make Recommendations  
to Full Board**

The special committee of the council is unanimously opposed to a general moratorium at the present time, but declares that no foreclosure proceedings should be begun, respecting agreements of sale or mortgage collections.

The committee examined into the details of a great many cases, and heard the statements of both investors and purchasers before making its recommendations.

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Superintendent P. Harrison, at Calgary, has just received official notice of an attempted murder at Oyen, Alta. Frederick Johnson is under a

**ZEPPELIN CREW**  
**FROZEN TO DEATH**

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Eight members of the crew of a Zeppelin airship which raided London, October 13, were found frozen to death on their return to Germany, according to the Daily Express, which

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## Regina Victorias Defeated Easily by 68th Battalion

### Borden Bearcats Opened Season Auspiciously Defeating 51st. Batt. by One-Sided Score

Alberta Champions' Superior Team Work Responsible for Eleven Goals, While Individual Rushes Gave the Soldiers Three Counters—Game Was Strenuous at Times and Judge of Play Handed Out an Even Hour in Penalties—Lynn, Dussault, Scott and Heric Boys Were Individual Stars.

Just as combination on the forward line used to win Alberta championships for the Edmonton Battalion, it seems as if their superior team play made the Borden Bearcats the team to beat for the championship of the Edmonton intermediate group. Working like a piece of machinery, the Bearcats defeated the 51st Battalion at the South Side rink last night by a score of 11 to 1. The soldiers were looking in support. In fact, nine of the crowd were the Borden. The battalion reported to the rink from the armory, and the time work had commenced the battle between periods.

Though swayed by a maelstrom of eight goals, the soldiers and more of the day than the score indicates. They were unfortunate in being drawn against one of the fastest teams in the province for their hockey debut, and, moreover, practice for soldiers, their game with the final goal. Lack of teamwork and a weak defense proved their downfall, as the Bearcats' forwards went down like a hammer, and worked their way right in on the soldiers, who were not at all in the net. However, the big score was not entirely due to the team play, as the numerous trips to the goal were made by Heric, Dussault, Scott and Lynn, the latter scoring the goal in the final period with nobody back of him but the soldiers.

**Lynn, the Speed Artist.**  
The inclusion of Lynn, probably the fastest skater in the league, gave the Bearcats a line-up of great value. With Lynn driving the team, the center line was pretty to watch, the center being the most important. Lynn's work was not only in the attack, but in the defense, as he was able to get in and out of the net in a flash. Lynn's work was not only in the attack, but in the defense, as he was able to get in and out of the net in a flash.

**Heric, the Goal Scorer.**  
Heric, the goal scorer, was the star of the game. He scored the first goal in the first period, and the last goal in the final period. He was the only player to score in all three periods.

**How Teams Line Up.**  
51st Batt. Goal: Stewart. Defense: Stewart, Stewart, Stewart. Forwards: Stewart, Stewart, Stewart.

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## SPORTING NEWS

Edited by F. H. McPherson

### HUNTS DEER TO GET READY FOR RING BOUT.



MIKE GIBBONS, LEFT, AND HIS BROTHER TOMMY, IN HUNTING TOGS. MIKE GIBBONS, THE ST. PAUL PHANTOM, IS DOING GYM WORK TO GET READY FOR A BOUT WITH YOUNG ARNHEIM. AFTER PRELIMINARY TRAINING IN THE NORTH WOODS. MIKE AND HIS BROTHER TOMMY, ALSO A FIGHTER, EACH SHOT A DEER ON THE HUNTING TRIP.

### National Hockey Association Will Open Its Season Tonight

Quebec Plays at Wanderers and Canadiens at Toronto—Ottawa Team Idle.

(The Morning Bulletin, Montreal, Dec. 17.) With the Quebec Wanderers playing at Montreal, and the Canadiens in Toronto tonight, the National Hockey Association will open its season. The Ottawa team is idle tonight. The Canadiens are expected to play at Montreal tomorrow night. The Wanderers are expected to play at Quebec tomorrow night.

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### JUNIOR HOCKEY

President Chosen of the A. A. H. A. has called the organization meeting of the Edmonton group of the junior division for tonight (Saturday) at the Y. M. C. A. at 8:30 p.m. sharp. It is hoped to have at least six teams in this group, and clubs intending to enter are requested to have delegates present tonight.

### PORTLAND UNCLE SAMS DEFEATED SEATTLE STARS

Two American Clubs Are Tied for Lead in Pacific Coast League.

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### JOHNNY O'LEARY OUTCLASSED POOR BILLY M'KENZIE

But Was Stopped in Twelfth to Save Winnipeg Boy Punishment.

(The Morning Bulletin, Winnipeg, Dec. 17.) Johnny O'Leary, a Canadian boxer, defeated Billy McKenzie, a Canadian boxer, in a boxing bout last night at the Winnipeg rink. The bout was a hard-fought one, with both boxers playing well. O'Leary's victory was a significant one, as he is the reigning champion.

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## XMAS MONEY SAVING SALES

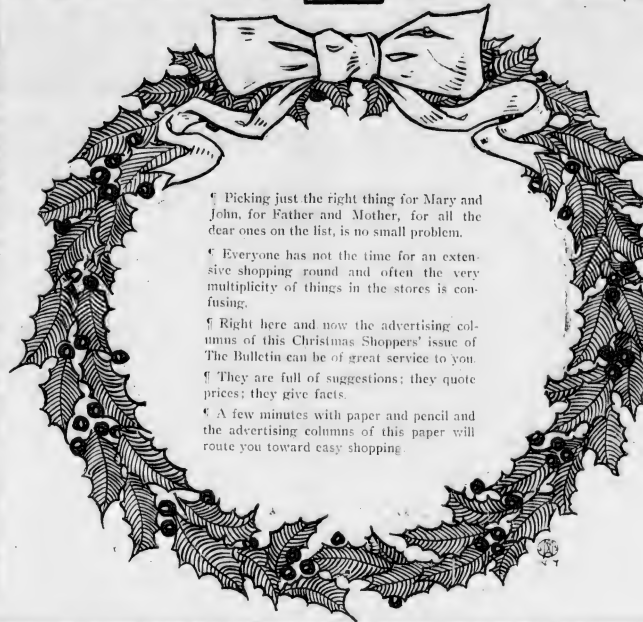
### Quaint Xmas Customs In Lands Overseas

Among unique Christmas customs none stands out more prominently than that which still obtains among the wealthier classes in some portions of rural Russia. Special attention is devoted to the entertainment of the debutantes. Invitations to the younger girls in the families of friends and relatives are issued, and on Christmas Eve the maidens arrive in great ceremony, long trains of sleighs bearing friends and servants accompanying them. That evening the girls spend together. On the next day, however, the real event occurs, for the hostess introduces to each visitor a young man, whose duty it is to see that his companion spends an enjoyable time. In the selection of these men, the real discretion of the hostess is brought into play. Following this presentation the revels begin and continue until "Twelfth night."

In Sweden the festivities last even longer, being kept up until January 13—the "twentieth day after Yule."

From time immemorial it has been the custom in Rumania to celebrate Christmas by blessing the River Danube. Formerly a scaffolding was erected on the frozen river, and on it a large cross of ice. Owing to the multitudes who crowded around to witness the celebration, however, the ice frequently gave way and consequently the ceremony has been performed on the river banks for some years past.

In times of peace, a beautiful spectacle is to be seen in the towns of old Belgium on Christmas eve. Amid the resonant sounds of full orchestras and the chanting of time old melodious choruses, a long gaily decked procession marches through the principal streets. Children of all ages take part, while the older folk bear aloft holly relics. Many novel features come into view as the procession passes along, but most impressive of all is the sight of the beautiful children marching along in their flowing garments on the flower strewn roads each gravely intent on the special part of the ceremony it is performing.



❖ Picking just the right thing for Mary and John, for Father and Mother, for all the dear ones on the list, is no small problem.

❖ Everyone has not the time for an extensive shopping round and often the very multiplicity of things in the stores is confusing.

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❖ They are full of suggestions; they quote prices; they give facts.

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### Christmas in Civilized World's Great Festival

Christmas—the greatest festival in the civilized world—has been celebrated on the twenty-fifth of December for so many centuries that it is generally regarded as the actual anniversary of the Nativity. As a matter of fact it was not celebrated regularly on this date until the fifth century so far as records of history relate. Previously it would seem to have been kept conjointly with the Feast of the Epiphany on the sixth of January.

Why December 25th was chosen is shrouded in the realms of antiquity, but it is generally believed that it was from a desire to supplant many of the heathen festivals of that period of the year, particularly Saturnalia. The first reference to the present date appears to have been made by Augustine, while St. Chrysostom makes reference to the date as a very recent importation from the West. The reason for the belief that Christ was born at some other period of the year is that December comes at the height of the rainy season in Judea, when neither flocks nor shepherds would by any chance have been spending the night in the open fields of Bethlehem.

Catholic and Protestant, Greeks and Armenians all keep Christmas as their principal festival of the year. Every civilized race celebrates it, but none more thoroughly than the Anglo-Saxon. The bear's head as a Christmas dish dates back to the early days of England, while the use of mistletoe is a traditional survival of the sacredness which was attached to this plant in the days of the Druids.

In olden days in Britain, wicks were given over to the ceremony, an office known as the Lord of Misrule being appointed by the court to superintend the revels, whose reign began on All Hallows' eve, and lasted until Candlemas Day. In Scotland a similar office existed, its tenant being called Abbot of Unreason, who presided over the Christmas festivities until 1555 when the office was abolished by Act of Parliament.

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down. Finally, they made a list of their regrets. In many places the men managed to arrive regular Christmas dinner, where to use the expression of a German who spoke English, "the meal pleasant with address and conversation."

#### In Allied Trenches

Along the lines of the allies the same scenes were enacted, except there were fewer Christmas trees, the British and French contenting themselves by hanging branches of evergreen about the trenches. The Christmas tree was in evidence, as well as the fat cat, warm mittens, mufflers and sweaters.

Down in the French trenches there were several Christmas trees. It is a well-known fact that hundreds of French players are fighting in the ranks of the French army, and wherever they could be found Christmas day they were present in service to do a "turn," and for a few the horrors of war were forgotten in the jargon of laughter which resounded throughout the long lines. "We had plenty to eat and a good time," wrote a Frenchman to his mother. "Your cake—well, I can't tell you how much we enjoyed it. One of the men from the old Moulin Rouge, in Paris, is in our regiment and he gave us a fine show. Two or three times he ran out of the trenches and waved his hat at the Germans, but they did not shoot at him—in fact, they did not bother us at all. I expect they were celebrating just as we were."

In the British trenches the men were fairly overloaded with good things, and it seemed that every man had his plum pudding, mince and jam, to say nothing of the new, warm clothing. Hundreds of cases of milk were sent by friends in England daily made a quantity of condensed milk to the trenches for Christmas, and one might send as few as half a dozen quart bottles, or even the poorest woman was able to send her son milk for Christmas.

#### Enemies Reconciled

At several points where the trenches of the Germans and the British were not far apart the Germans began to talk peace and good will among themselves. "After all," they said, "our enemies are but children for the land they love, as we are, and why should we not forget our differences and this birthday of the Son of Man give greeting to our enemies?" This feeling brought about Christmas scenes on the battlefields of Europe which seem almost incredible. A number of English war correspondents witnessed the incidents and sent reports to their respective newspapers.

After the Germans had trimmed their Christmas trees and set up lanterns they came out of their trenches leaving a flag of truce and invited the English to stop shooting and come over and celebrate Christmas. With one accord the invitation was accepted and a truce for the night arranged. Then officers and men from both sides left their trenches and met on "No Man's Land," where no rule no man dares to enforce much as the top of his head.

It was decided that each side would first bury its dead, and while the British were engaged in this sad duty a party of Germans brought over the body of an English soldier who had been killed in front of their trenches and deposited it reverently on the ground before some of his regiment, after which they went back to attend to the burial of their own dead. When this last tribute to comrades was completed the Germans brought out cigars and cigarettes, and men who a few hours before had been shooting at one another danced around arm in arm wishing one another the compliments of the season. They even made addresses to one another on the subject of Christmas, which were interpreted by a young German soldier who had lived in the United States.

#### A Football Match

This particular incident was composed of Saxons—big, merry fellows who made the English laugh at their prank. As the day wore on the soldiers joined in a rabbit hunt, and later there was a football match which was won by the Germans.

After it was all over the men of both sides declared that they were agreeably surprised to find their enemies such a decent lot of fellows. Toward night the men got back into the trenches, and early on the 24th the firing began again.

The French and Germans, too, exchanged Christmas greetings, but it was not as general as the festivities with the English. At one place where it is said that the trenches were only about eighty yards apart the Germans asked their French opponents to declare a truce on Christmas eve to bury the dead. The French accepted and came out of their trenches carrying shovels. The Germans went over the line offering cigars and cigarettes with the compliments of the season.

At first the French feared a surprise, but after a French corporal had shaken hands with a big German there were raucous and good wishes. Then the dead were buried and the men returned to their trenches. "For a time all was quiet," wrote one of the men, "then we began to try to kill each other again, and the man who offered the first box of cigars to a French soldier fell dead beside me—but, after all, it was a bit of Christmas."

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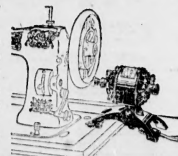
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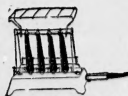
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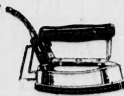
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# Peace Speech

In Hungarian Parliament

Sensation Caused by Remarks of Leader of Independence Party

London, Dec. 17.—A sensation was caused in the Hungarian parliament on December 17th by the remarks of Count Károlyi, leader of the independence party, demanding that the government should make peace proposals to the Allies.

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# Britain Will Now Attempt to Conquer German East Africa

Appointment of Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien to Command in East Africa Suggests That Operations There are to Take on a More Important Character—Strategic Possibilities of World War.

London, Dec. 17.—The official announcement of General Smith-Dorrien's new command in East Africa, combined with various reports, tends to corroborate the belief that an attack on Egypt and the Nile valley will be the first move in the German campaign to conquer the British Empire.

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